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GM835

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee NOA EMMETT ALULI, for a term to expire June 30, 2019

Senate Committee on Water and Land

<u>April 13, 2015</u> <u>2:45 p.m.</u> <u>Room 224</u>

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of <u>SUPPORT</u> for GM835, which would confirm Noa Emmett Aluli as a member of the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Having dedicated over three decades of his life to the protection and rehabilitation of Kahoʻolawe, Dr. Noa Emmett Aluli would bring a wealth of experience and insight to the KIRC and its work. A founding member of the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana (PKO), in 1976, Dr. Aluli led a group of Native Hawaiians in occupying Kahoʻolawe, to protest the island's bombing by the U.S. Navy. In 1986, Dr. Aluli led the PKO in executing a consent decree with the U.S. Navy, which granted Native Hawaiians access to the island and required the Navy to protect and rehabilitate historic and cultural sites. Dr. Aluli subsequently served on the federally-established Kahoʻolawe Island Conveyance Commission, where he helped to establish the terms for the return of Kahoʻolawe to the State of Hawaiʻi. He was also appointed as the original chairperson of KIRC, when KIRC was created by the state in 1993.

His past work with KIRC in particular has given Dr. Aluli invaluable institutional knowledge of the unique and ongoing natural and cultural resource management issues facing Kahoʻolawe, and demonstrates his continued commitment to the rehabilitation of the island. Dr. Aluli has been consistently and heavily involved in many of the rehabilitation projects occurring on the island, including the restoration of the Ala Loa trail, the rebuilding of the Hale Hālāwai, and the establishment of a water catchment system to revegetate native plants. Dr. Aluli has also facilitated the makahiki ceremonies on Kahoʻolawe since the early 1980s, and has personally selected new leaders within the PKO, providing them with training and insight regarding the island's history and cultural significance. Accordingly, Dr. Aluli's demonstrated knowledge and commitment to Kahoʻolawe will likely be of great value to the KIRC should his nomination be confirmed.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM 835. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.